

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 448
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Terri Thornton on her selection as the Maury County Education Association's Distinguished Educator System-wide for the 2004-2005 school year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Terri Thornton is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton has been selected Distinguished Educator for the entire Maury County school system for the 2004-2005 school year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, as an additional point of honor, Terri Thornton was selected School/Building Level Distinguished Educator at Mt. Pleasant High School; and

WHEREAS, these prestigious awards are conferred by the Maury County Education Association (MCEA); recipients are honored and recognized for their many valuable contributions to their respective schools, the community at large, and the MCEA at the school building level and system-wide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout her outstanding tenure at Mt. Pleasant High School; and

WHEREAS, not content to perform her important work solely in the classroom, she is also an active member of several professional organizations, including the Maury County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Terri Thornton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she sets an excellent example for her students, as she is very involved in her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Terri Thornton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Terri Thornton on being selected MCEA Distinguished Educator for the entire Maury County school system for the 2004-2005 school year in addition to being honored as MCEA School/Building Level Distinguished Educator at Mt. Pleasant High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.